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Meeting Minutes
Kennedy Conference Room - Capitol Building
Des Moines, Iowa

Attendees: Deborah Svec Carstens, Mike Coveyou, Stuart Crine, Joan Conrad, Lee Wilkinson, Sharon Tahtinen, Brian Crowe, Bob Mulqueen, Christie Twait via phone

Green Government Summit Update
Discussion of speakers for Summit

- Having trouble with Biofuels, could take several different angles. Increasing biofuels use? Reducing miles traveled (video-conferencing or public transit)? Increasing fuel efficiency in state vehicles? Want speakers who know about best practices, want to have take-away. Let's look at putting together a local panel specifically for the Biofuels Taskforce. ISAC and League of Cities?

Asking departments for money to pay for Summit?

- Online registration (\$50?) fee rather than asking departments for money.

Is there a course at Community Colleges for energy audits? Can we persuade CCs to spend some of the Power Fund money on such a program?

Discussion of HERS training. Stuart to ask Synergy where they receive their HERS training? We should be able to do this training in Iowa and not need to go out of state.

Roya: training should also focus on contractors and the whole building approach.

Mike: worth thinking about a certification program contractors would use this in marketing.

Energy City Designation –

Sharon: Haven't done much with this yet, didn't have funding attached.

Roya: As we move forward with this program, we might want to consider a "theme" possibly along the lines of energy efficiency.

IUB, DNR, IDED, OEI to stay in loop together to make sure there's not multiple programs doing the same thing.

Competitive Grants:

Mike: we talked about financing through the energy bank for improvements to public buildings; is there comparable financing for private buildings?

Roya: No. IFA is starting to look at some. Banks usually get involved. Some states have financing.

Mike: Knowing there are few folks left in the DNR Energy Division, will DNR be applying for the SEP Competitive money?

Sharon: Planning to rebuild the energy program and apply for the grant.

Joan: Regarding Mike's question about financing for private sectors, there was something about this in the Gov's enterprise plan.

Adjourn